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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2006 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.